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directly and substantially affected by the Commission's Decision.

The Commission's website states in part:

By state law, public service utilities are regulated monopolies given the opportunity to earn a fair and reasonable return on their investments. What is fair and reasonable in any particular case has been and always will be open to debate in rate hearings before the Commission. Generally, the Commission tries to balance the customers' interest in affordable and reliable utility service with the utility's interest in earning a fair profit. See http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Administration/about.asp (emphasis added).

The Town believes that the Commission's Decision disproportionately favors CCWC's interest in earning a profit over the customers' interest in affordable utility service.

The Arizona Legislature established the Residential Utility Consumer Office ("RUCO") in 1983 to represent the interests of residential utility ratepayers in rate-related proceedings before the Commission. *See https://ruco.az.gov/about-ruco*. Accordingly, RUCO has represented the interests of the Town's citizenry as ratepayers in this matter.

The Town has received RUCO's Application for Rehearing of Decision No. 74568 filed on July 7, 2014 ("Application"). The Town incorporates by reference the arguments set forth and joins in RUCO's Application.

For the reasons set forth in RUCO's Application and above, the Town requests that the Commission rehear this matter.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of July, 2014.

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